

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN BART AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
TO COLLABORATE IN RESPECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK FOR THE
LIVERMORE AREA

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered upon execution by and between the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (“BART”) and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (“Authority”)

RECITALS

- A. The purpose of this MOU is to provide for cooperation between BART and the Authority with regard to the environmental review processes in connection with the Altamont Corridor Rail Project and the proposed Livermore Extension Project.
- B. In accordance with the California Public Utilities Code, Section 185000, et seq., the Authority is responsible for planning, designing and implementing a high speed train (HST) System with services up to 220 miles per hour (mph), including conducting related environmental reviews. The Authority also has jurisdiction for planning passenger rail service capable of speeds over 125 miles per hour (mph). The proposed Altamont Corridor Rail Project would include high-speed compatible equipment capable of attaining speeds higher than 125 mph.
- C. In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 28500, et seq., BART is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of its rail transit system, together with conducting related environmental reviews, including future extensions, such as the proposed Livermore Extension Project.
- D. An Altamont Corridor Rail Project/BART connection in Livermore could provide the fastest travel times between the San Joaquin Valley and key Bay Area markets.
- E. On November 4, 2008, the voters of California approved Proposition 1A, a state bond measure that lists corridors eligible for funding, including the Altamont Corridor.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BART and the Authority hereby agree as follows:

1. BART and the Authority acknowledge and agree to coordinate and to work cooperatively to complete the environmental reviews for their respective complimentary projects.

2. BART will conduct the environmental review in connection with the proposed BART Livermore Extension Project.
3. The Authority is the state lead agency for purposes of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the environmental review in connection with the Altamont Corridor Rail Project.
4. Each party agrees to encourage public awareness of and involvement in the environmental review processes in which the agencies are engaged.

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